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Parents Awaiting Arraignment in Child Abduction Case

The parents suspected of abducting their four young children from their maternal grandmother and taking them to Mexico are facing arraignment today on multiple felony charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Enrique Felix (dob 2/6/86) and Rose Chairez (dob 1/24/86) are scheduled to be arraigned at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, sometime today.

They are charged in case BA422509 with two counts of kidnapping, four counts of child stealing and one count of first degree burglary with a person present, said Deputy District Attorney Whelma Llanos with the Child Abduction Section.

The felony complaint for arrest warrant includes the allegation that the victims were under 14 when they were kidnapped. The complaint also alleges Felix has prior serious felony convictions for making a criminal threat and possession for sale of cocaine base.

The couple allegedly abducted their two sons, 8 and 6, and their 1-year-old twin daughters on March 14 from their maternal grandmother, who had custody. The children were found March 18 and returned home.

Arraignment information will be provided at a later time.

Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$570,000 for Felix and \$510,000 for Chairez.

If convicted, Felix is facing nearly 50 years in state prison. Chairez is facing nearly 20 years in state prison.

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<u>Office</u> prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.